

St. Luke's Parish

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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M.
 Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
 Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 8:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.
 Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - 7:00 P.M.
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:45 P.M. and Tuesday after Devotions
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SIGNS OF A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

In today's gospel (John 15:1-8) Jesus illustrates our relationship to him by using an analogy of vines that produce good fruit. In this analogy, Jesus is the branch, you and I are the vine, and the fruits are the good things we bring to the world as a result of our relationship with Jesus. Jesus adds that God the Father is the vine grower; the one who tends to us.

The point of this analogy is to show that if we allow God the Father to strengthen our relationship with Jesus then we will bear fruits that will stand out in the world. So what are the fruits that we can anticipate?

Fruits of the Spirit

In his letter to the Galatians, St. Paul writes that the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (5:22).

Spiritual Conditioning

We know that these fruits don't come naturally. For me, it is certainly the case. Personally, I consistently need to condition myself to be more joyful, peaceful and patient. If you have ever trained to reach a personal fitness goal you know the only way of reaching your goal is to stick to a consistent exercise and dietary regiment. At first it might painful, tiring or perhaps even boring, but over time you start inching towards your goal. The same philosophy can be applicable to our spiritual lives. If you want to bear the fruits of the Spirit, you have to establish a consistent prayer life and life of action to reach your goal.

For instance, last summer I started a consistent regiment of waking up before my wife and daughter to read daily Mass Bible readings and prayerfully reflect. After one week I noticed that I had become more patient, joyful and at peace. The typically triggers of anger or anxiety in me were minimized. I was able to continue this pattern until my second daughter was born last December. Due to the change in lifestyle I could no longer continue this pattern, so I immediately slipped back into my old self. Now that I have somewhat adapted to the new lifestyle additional children bring I have been working on establishing a new spiritual regiment to help me regain those good fruits. Admittedly, it can be frustrating because young children don't allow for a predictable lifestyle; however, I find myself motivated because I have tasted the fruits of joy, peace, and patience and I recognize my need for them more than ever before.

Question for Reflection

What are the fruits that you desire? Do you have a consistent daily spiritual life? If not, I encourage you to start one because it will only bear good fruit.

Greg Garda, Youth Minister

Christ offers us this beautifully striking image of the vineyard when describing the intimate nature of the relationship between himself and his disciples. He is saying that his followers are to be so closely united with him as to share his ideals, attitudes and vibrant and dynamic image of the Christian community. Just as the branch is dependent on the vine for food and life, we are dependent on Jesus for divine life and spiritual substance. 'Cut off from me you can do nothing.' We can easily forget, that as branches of the same vine, we are also connected to one another and called to form a community of love.



- Monday Souls of Tai Loy and Yen Mea Yee
Tuesday Souls of Audrey MacEachern, Veronica Kim, Simon So & Julia Jacobs
Wednesday Soul of Elizabeth Gallivan
Thursday Soul of Michael Boyle
Friday Soul of John Frederick Jack Wilson

PRAYER REQUEST LINE
905 881-2786 ext. 250

April 29, 2018

Happy 25th Anniversary

The Community of St. Luke's will be celebrating our Pastor **Father Mark's 25th Anniversary** of his Ordination into the Priesthood at our parish church on **Sunday, May 27th at the 12:15 mass. This will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this special event.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

This year at St. Luke's, the statue of Mary will be escorted to your home by members of the parish and enthroned and displayed at a location prepared by you. The rosary will then be recited by family and friends.

Each day the statue will travel to another location throughout the month.

If you are interested in praying the rosary at your home please contact Shaila D'Souza at 416-220-8611



CROWNING OF MOTHER MARY

St. Luke's invites you to the annual Crowning of Mary on **Tuesday, May 1st during the 7:00 p.m. Mass.**

Please join us in honouring Mary our Mother in a very special way. We will have a procession with flowers and Marian Hymns during the Mass.

Make this annual event part of your devotion to the Blessed Mother. All are welcome! Bring the children!

MANY THANKS

From the **Social Justice Committee**

For your support of the **White Elephant Sale**. A big thank you to all who donated items and to all who bought items. It was a huge success. The **proceeds, \$1,587.00** will go towards an annual **bursary for a First Nations student** at the University of Nipissing.



BUNDLE UP for SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

A Saint Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot the weekend of **May 12/13** to collect **gently used clothing, household linens, shoes, bedding, draperies and small household goods** in order to support the needy. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need. Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:30 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass. Thank you!!!

FROM TOMB TO PENTECOST

A MYSTICAL JOURNEY WITH THE RISEN LORD

May 19 - 10:30-12:00 Noon - St. Luke's Church

Children and their families are invited to join us as we make the journey from the empty tomb and Mary's encounter with the Risen Lord to the early Church's reception of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The children will animate the various scriptural encounters along the way as we seek to enter into the mystical journey of Jesus from His resurrection until the out pouring of His Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

All are welcome to attend. No registration is necessary.

For more information contact John Humphries at: john.humphries@rogers.com

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK - RENEWING THE PROMISE

MAY 6-11, 2018

We invite all parishioners to join in celebrating Catholic Education Week 2018 which runs from May 6-11. For more than 160 years, Ontario's publicly funded Catholic schools have been integrating our faith into all aspects of school life, empowering one another to serve as faithful disciples. We celebrate the distinctive contribution that Catholic schools provide, giving thanks and offering our prayers for all those who diligently nurture this precious gift. For more information visit www.goodnewsforall.ca

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